ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A motorcycle accommodates an enlarged rear tire by interposing an intermediate shaft	
between the transmission output gear and the rear wheel drive gear. The intermediate shaft	
includes a power input gear disposed in the same vertical plane as the transmission output gear,	,
and a first drive belt couples the two together. The intermediate shaft also includes a power	
output gear disposed in the same vertical plane as the rear wheel drive gear, and a second drive	
belt couples the two together. The first vertical plane lies closer to the central longitudinal axis	ţ)
of the support frame than does the second vertical plane, allowing the center of mass of the	
engine and transmission to be maintained substantially along the central longitudinal axis. Who	er
incorporated into a soft-tail type motorcycle frame, the intermediate shaft is coincident with the)
pivot axis of the soft-tail suspension.	